There has been no carry forward liability of 1999-2000.

Sick FCI Units

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DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several production units under Fertilizer Corporation of India are lying closed;

(b) if so, the total number of units and their names where production was discontinued by December, 1999;

(c) the reasons for discontinuing the production; and

(d) the established production capacity of these units and the average percentage of their production capacity utilised by these units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Production is suspended in FCI units of Ramagundam, Talcher and Gorakhpur.

(c) The high cost of production and incremental operational losses in the event of continuing production are some of the reasons for suspending production in these plants.

(d) The capacity utilisation of these urea plants during the last five years of their operation is given below :—

Unit	Annual Production Capacity (in lakh MT)	Average capacity utilisation (%) over last 5 years of operations
Gorakhpur	2.85 (Installed)	59% (1985-86 to 1989-90)
Ramagundam	4.95 (Installed)	18%
	3.30 (Derated)	27% (1994-95 to 1998-99)
Talcher	4.95 (Installed)	20%
	3.30 (Derated)	30% (1994-95 to 1998-99)

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